

agreed to order the previous question by ye-a-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 401.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions To Instruct Conferees: The House completed debate on the Ross motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act, that was noted on July 21. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. Earlier, Representative Bishop of New York announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Question of Privilege: Representative Levin gave notice of his intention to offer a resolution concerning a question of privilege under Rule 9.

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Presidential Message—Plan Colombia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report detailing the progress of spending during the first two quarters of fiscal year 2003 in support of Plan Colombia—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–104).

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7229.

Referral: S. 1435 was held at the desk.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7330–31.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye-a-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7246–47, H7265–66, H7268, H7269, H7297, H7298, H7298–99, H7299, and H7300. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mark C. Brickell, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, and Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIONAL FOREST RESTORATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 1314, to expedite procedures for hazardous fuels reduction activities on National Forest System lands established from the public domain and other public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, to improve the health of National Forest System lands established from the public domain and other public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape, S. 1352, to expedite procedures for hazardous fuels reduction activities and restoration in wildland fire prone National Forests, to examine the impacts of insects, disease, weather-related damage, and fires on public and private forest lands, processes for implementing forest health and hazardous fuels reduction projects on public and private lands, and processes for implementing forest health and hazardous fuels reduction projects, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Montana Governor Judy Martz, Helena, and Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, Phoenix, both on behalf of the Western Governors' Association; Sara Duncan, Denver Water Board, Denver, Colorado; Michael Nivison, Otero County Commissioner, Otero, New Mexico; Laura McCarthy, Forest Trust, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Tom Robinson, Grand Canyon Trust, and W. Wallace Covington, Northern Arizona University Ecological Restoration Institute, both of Flagstaff, Arizona; and Bruce Vincent, Communities for a Great Northwest, Libby Montana.

HEAD START AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for Head Start, focusing on programs to prepare children to succeed in school and life, after receiving testimony from Windy M. Hill, Associate Commissioner of the Head Start Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, and G. Reid Lyon, Chief of the Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of

Health and Human Services; Grover J. Whitehurst, Director of Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education; Marnie S. Shaul, Director of Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Amy Wilkins, Trust for Early Education, Washington, D.C.; and Janis Santos, Holyoke-Chicopee-Springfield Head Start, Inc., Springfield, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Head Start Association.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin, and Representative Leach; P. Kevin Castel, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Sandra J. Feuerstein, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Richard J. Holwell, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Stephen C. Robinson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, all introduced by Senator Schumer; H. Brent McKnight, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, who was introduced by Representative Myrick; and R. David Proctor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, who was introduced by Senators Shelby and Sessions, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine bankruptcy and competition issues in relation to the WorldCom Case, focusing on MCI's Chapter 11 filing, after receiving testimony from Dick Thornburgh, Kirkpatrick and Lockhart, LLP, William P. Barr, Verizon Communications, former U.S. Attorney General, and Morton Bahr, Communications Workers of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Nicholas DeB. Katzenbach, MCI Telecommunications, Ashburn, Virginia, former U.S. Attorney General; Mark A. Neporent, Cerberus Capital Management, LP, and Marcia L. Goldstein, Weil, Gotshal and Manges, LLP, both of New York, New York; and Douglas G. Baird, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Conference.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVERTISING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the consequences of direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs, focusing on the value to patients, the impact on the physician-patient relationship, health care costs and utili-

zation, and consumer and physician surveys, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Majorie E. Powell, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, and Nancy H. Nielsen, American Medical Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Meredith B. Rosenthal, Harvard School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management, and Arnold S. Relman, Harvard Medical School, both of Boston, Massachusetts.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

Committee Meetings

WTO'S AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Geographical Indications and the World Trade Organization's agricultural negotiations. Testimony was heard from Jon W. Dudas, Deputy Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Deputy Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

CONSOLIDATION LOANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on "Consolidation Loans: What's Best for Past Borrowers, Future Students and U.S. Taxpayers?" Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula and DeLauro; and public witnesses.

FASB DERIVATIVE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "FASB Derivative Accounting Standards." Testimony was heard from Leslie F. Seidman, member, Financial Accounting Standards Board; and public witnesses.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "'Bump Up' Policy Under Title I of the Clean Air Act." Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Holmstead,